

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

March 10, 2021

I have begun to meet with parents and guardians by grade level and will continue to do so. It's been a pleasure to re-connect with faces that used to appear here regularly! Thank you to all parents and guardians who attended. As a follow-up to these meetings:

- There is a letter for Gr. 4 parents going home, written from the perspective of a parent and staff member, looking at the **advantages of a K-8 or PreK-8 school setting**. Take a few moments to read it.
- Information will be sent next week to Gr. 5 parents and guardians regarding **alternative seashore activities/plans** for the fifth graders. We don't want them to miss out!

As we have all heard and read, the state has changed its guidelines on **remote and hybrid learning** in public schools. This change, announced by DESE states: *For elementary schools, hybrid and remote learning models will no longer count towards meeting the required student learning time hours as of Monday, April 5, 2021.* Diocesan school leaders will meet next week and discuss remote and hybrid policies for the diocese, our schools, and students. I will keep you updated on changes that will impact us.

We are currently looking at applicants for next year and have accepted a number of new students. We are also looking at class configurations, and where we need two classes or where we will have one. Please submit your **Tuition Payment Preference Form** ASAP, as that is what confirms and holds your child's seat, and helps us finalize decisions!

Fr. Paul mentioned in his email blast last Friday that he submitted a request to the bishop to retire. We understand his desire to assist others in parishes, without the administrative responsibilities- but we hope it does not happen too quickly!



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2021 -2022 TUITION DEPOSIT

The \$250.00 deposit for the 2021-2022 school year was due on February 26th. If you haven't already done so, please send in your deposit immediately with a completed Tuition Payment Preference Form. Paying the deposit secures your child(ren)'s spot for the upcoming year.

REMINDER - NO SCHOOL

School will **NOT** be in session on Friday, March 12th.

REMOTE LEARNER WORK PICK-UP

Pick-up for Remote Learner work will be Thursday, March 11th from 11:30 – 1:30pm.

HOLY THURSDAY

Students will be dismissed at 11:30am on Thursday, April 1st. The Extended Day Program will **NOT** be available on this day. There will be no interruption in bus service. Buses will depart the school at 11:30.

GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER MONDAY

School will **NOT** be in session on **Friday, April 2nd and Monday, April 5th.**

WINTER UNIFORMS

The last day for winter uniforms is Thursday, April 1st. Regular dress code will be in effect from Tuesday, April 6th through Friday, April 30th.

TUITION PAYMENT PREFERENCE FORM

2021-2022

**Please return this form including your deposit to the
Business Office by Friday, February 26, 2021**

School Name: **St. Pius X School**

Responsible Party Name (please print): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Student(s) Name: _____ Grade Fall 2021: _____

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For the 2021-2022 school year, I will pay my student's tuition by the payment option checked below. If not previously enrolled with FACTS through St. Pius X School, I will setup an automatic deduction online with FACTS. A FACTS account must be set up or tuition must be paid in full by May 28, 2021.

☐ **OPTION 1 Full Tuition Payment** due by April 30, 2021 to receive discount. Cash, check, and credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, Am/Ex, Discover) accepted. A 3% service fee will be applied to all credit card transactions. A discount of \$50.00 per student is applicable if tuition is paid in full by April 30, 2021.

☐ **OPTION 2 Monthly Payments through FACTS.** This option entitles the responsible party to budget payments over 11 months beginning May 2021. Payments are made on the 5th or 20th. There is a **\$50** administration fee processed by FACTS for use of this option.

If you are enrolling in FACTS **for the first time through St. Pius X School**, account setup instructions will be emailed to you.

Once your account is established, the school will complete the agreement by entering appropriate balance information. If you have any questions, please contact Dorothy Kostecki, Business Manager at 508-398-6112 x306 or dkostecki@spxschool.org.

2021-2022 Tuition Policy

Each family is required to sell 20 Christmas calendars. If a family decides not to participate in this fundraising opportunity, \$200 will be added to their overall tuition bill.

When a student registers at St. Pius X School, we not only hold a place for that student, but also commit resources to optimize the educational experience of that student. We design staffing, programs, and acquire supplies based on the number of registered students to ensure a quality education.

Each year we forgo potential income by limiting the number of incoming students, when we commit a place for your son or daughter. We also depend on full and timely payment of tuition. According to the policies of the Diocese of Fall River, all financial obligations to St. Pius X School must be met before a student may enroll in another diocesan school. St. Pius X School will notify the receiving school if these obligations have not been met.

A non-refundable tuition deposit of \$250 for each child is due with this commitment form. This deposit is credited towards tuition. Deposit monies received will not be refunded.

Once a student has begun a month, tuition for that month must be paid, in addition to what has already been paid.

I agree to make tuition payments for the 2021-2022 school year according to one of the options above. I have read the school policy regarding tuition and agree to abide by this policy.

Responsible Party's Signature

Date

St. Patrick's Day *Dress Down*

Wednesday, March 17th

Cost: \$2.00

Wear: Green & White

Dress must be appropriate for St. Pius X School

 **Happy** 
St. Patrick's Day !



FROM THE FRIENDS OF ST. PIUS X SCHOOL

"Hope Springs Eternal..." ~ Alexander Pope

This past year we have had to rely so much on HOPE and FAITH to carry us through these challenging times...and they sure HAVE, in countless ways! Who would have really thought we would SURPASS 100 days IN school? It is a true testament to the preparation, diligence, and dedication of Mrs. Dailey and the entire SPXS staff. Credit should also be given to our children for their adaptiveness, resiliency, and positivity through this very different school year.

It is with renewed hope for the next few months and the next school year that we will soon launch our next important fundraising effort to further support the school and the kids! The money is needed more than ever to help cover budget shortfalls, health and safety-related materials, technology enhancements, AND to plan for some FUN activities in 2021-2022! **We are still the group where "FUNdraising and FUNraising meet" - we just need to do it with a little social distance and some technology!**

As we did last year, our Spring Fundraiser will be done entirely online. We know times are tough right now so we do not want to launch anything complicated or too burdensome for families. We are keeping this fundraising effort very SIMPLE and (hopefully) very FUN!

We will be selling online raffle tickets for exciting prizes. Here is what you could win:

~\$1,000-worth of MA Lottery Tickets (courtesy of the Foran Family/Foran Realty)

~FREE Tuition for a YEAR!

~VIP SPXS "experiences" for your child/children (four winners to be drawn)

***Principal for a Day**

***Gym Teacher for a Day**

***Declare a Day off From School**

***Front Row Seats at the 2021-2022 school events**

Raffle tickets will range from \$25-\$100. We will also offer the essential "Fund-A-Need" and some other donation options for those who are able to give a little more.

If you are a business owner and are willing/able to partner with us, we would be so appreciative of sponsors for this year's effort so that we can reach more potential supporters and offer scholarships for families in need. In recognition of our generous sponsors, we will post company names/logos on our fundraising campaign materials. Please contact Lori Boghdan (l.boghdan@comcast.net) to discuss options.

Stay tuned for future updates on when/how this will all work. Everything will also be posted on the school website: <https://www.spxschool.org/> in the coming weeks.

**We have to stay physically apart but we can still come TOGETHER to support SPXS.
I am CONFIDENT our "small but mighty" community will do just that!**



St. Pius X School 2021 Spring Fundraiser for school support and need-based scholarships

Sponsorship Levels:

Gold Sponsorship \$1,000

- Company logo/Family name displayed on school property
- Company logo/Family name on promotional collateral
- Company logo linked/Family name listed on SPXS website
- Full page ad in an email to all school families
- Gold Sponsorship recognition on social media pages

Silver Sponsorship \$500

- Company logo/Family name on promotional collateral
- Company logo linked/Family name listed on SPXS website
- Half page ad in an email to all school families
- Silver Sponsorship recognition on social media pages

Bronze Sponsorship \$250

- Company logo/Family name on promotional collateral
- Bronze Sponsorship recognition on social media pages

Please contact Lori Boghdan (l.boghdan@comcast.net) if you are interested!



**Please join us for a
FRIENDS OF SPXS MEETING
via ZOOM**

Friday, March 19th at 9:00 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

- *Enrichment and Events*
- *Fundraising – fall recap/update for spring*
- *Amazon Wishlists*
- *Next Year!*
- *Ideas, Suggestions, Feedback*

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9094934072?pwd=V21iNXpkdnhSOWlXQ0VhR2FmektuZz09>

Meeting ID: 909 493 4072

Passcode: 417928

Study Hall Sign-Up: (Limit 15 students)

Study Hall registration will take place on a weekly basis. Please indicate day(s) your Middle School student(s) will take advantage of Study Hall.

Pick-up is at 3:30 at the cafeteria door.

Family Name _____

Child Name _____ Gr. _____

Child Name _____ Gr. _____

Days Attending:

Check all that apply.

_____ Monday, March 15th

_____ Tuesday, March 16th

_____ Wednesday, March 17th

_____ Thursday, March 18th

2021 St. Pius X Middle School Tennis Travel Team Pre-Season Letter

March 2021

Dear SPXS Families,

The start of the spring tennis season will begin Thursday, April 1st. We would like to offer the opportunity for all students 5th-8th grade to play, whether they are new to the sport or have tennis experience playing on a tennis team. One of the program's main goals is aimed for appropriate player placement, that will encourage enjoyment, skill development, fitness, and fun.

A **separate** registration for the SPXS Tennis Home team will be sent home at the end of April. Playing on the home team is designed for beginners and students new to the sport, with emphasis on instructional development of fundamental skills.

The covid restrictions and guidelines allow 15 players to participate on the SPXS Travel TEAM. **The travel team will start on April 1st.**

When choosing what is the best level to select for your child this tennis season, please review the following guidelines:

SPXS Travel Team: 4.5 hours per week

Designed for experienced players who demonstrates fundamental athletic tennis skills (correct form for serving, grip, stance, footwork, serve, and ground strokes)

The expectation is that players possess an understanding of scoring, rules, and strategies for competitive interscholastic Middle school matches.

The benefits for students playing at their skill level (not by age/grade) will increase success, enjoyment, and ability to progress.

Go Crusaders!

Mr. Nick Corsi

SPXS Middle School, Athletic Director



Scheduling / Info:

Practice and Home Tennis Matches Location:

Mid Cape Athletic Club, 193 Whites Path, South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Time and Days:

TRAVEL TEAM - practice/matches - Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday-2:30-4pm

SPXS Tennis Head Coach - MR. BRANDON CUTTER (4th season)

Brandon is the Director of Tennis at Mid Cape Athletic Club in South Yarmouth, MA. He has been teaching tennis since 1993, which includes positions at the Concord Country Club in Concord, MA and Thousand Oaks Racquet Club in San Antonio, TX. In 2003-5, Brandon was a private coach for an American junior player out of Florence, Italy. He studied the European game, while coaching and touring tournaments in Italy, France, Austria and Monaco. Brandon runs our indoor program during the fall and winter months and is the Director of Tennis for the Harwich Port Tennis Assoc in the summer months. He had been the tennis director for HPTA since 1999. ***USPTA Certified Tennis Pro, USPTR Certified Tennis Pro***



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SPXS Athlete Registration Form



St. Pius X Middle School Athletics

Interscholastic Sport Program Information Guide:

Spring 2021

Athletic Participation Information and Requirements:

Athletes Name: _____ **Parent Name(s):** _____

Grade (2020-2021): _____ **Age:** _____ **T-shirt size:** ☐ YM ☐ YL ☐ AS ☐ AM ☐ AL

Email: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Home Address: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Registration for Sport:

COED TENNIS (5th - 8th Graders) ☐ **TRAVEL TEAM**



Registration for each athlete will be processed after all requirements below have been submitted to the school:

☐ \$120 (TENNIS TRAVEL TEAM) Athletic Fee Payment

☐ Current Medical Physical Form

☐ Pre-Participation Concussion Form

<http://www.spxschool.org/wp-content/uploads/Concussion-Pre-Participation-Form.pdf>

☐ Athletic Code of Conduct Agreement Form

<http://www.spxschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2020-2021-Athletic-Code-of-Conduct-Form.pdf>

☐ Athlete Parental Consent Agreement Form

<http://www.spxschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2020-2021-Athletic-Parental-Release-Form.pdf>

• All athletes will be expected to participate in all team practices, unless excused by a parent note/phone call to the coach. Students and parents are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner during all practices, games, and related activities.

• All athletes need transportation to practice and games (carpooling is helpful for working parents).



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COVID-19

PLAYING TENNIS SAFELY

PLAYER TIPS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The USTA recognizes that the coronavirus has been affecting different parts of the country in different ways and with different timing. We therefore believe it will be possible for people to return to playing tennis safely in some cities and states sooner than in others.

The Federal Government issued guidelines on April 16 for “Opening Up America Again” at [WhiteHouse.gov/OpeningAmerica](https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica). By following these guidelines as well as those of local governments and health agencies, facilities and players will be able to make informed decisions as to when play can recommence.

If you live in a community where stay-at-home or shelter-in-place orders have been lifted or modified, and if your locality meets the standards in the Federal Guidelines, then tennis, if played properly, can be a great opportunity for you to relieve stress, socialize with others and provide much-needed exercise. Of primary importance is taking every precaution to help keep all participants safe.

Because tennis does not require any direct person-to-person contact, players can enjoy the many physical and mental benefits that tennis offers so long as you practice physical distancing by keeping six feet apart from other players to ensure you are in a safe exercise environment and follow other safety recommendations included here.

Although there is no specific evidence that tennis balls can spread COVID-19, we know that contamination by respiratory droplets from an infected person can potentially survive on hard surfaces up to three days. If you choose to play tennis, be sure to practice these safety tips and recommendations.

BEFORE YOU PLAY

- Make sure that your state and region allow tennis play, satisfy the Federal Government’s gating criteria (as outlined in the “Opening Up America Again” guidelines) and has been designated an essential business and/or has entered Phase One of the Phased Comeback.
- States and regions with no evidence of a rebound and that satisfy the gating criteria a second time may proceed to Phase Two of the Phased Comeback, in which all individuals, when in public recreation areas, should maximize physical distance from others.
- Be aware that although restrictions are eased when your state and region move from Phase One to Phase Two or Phase Three of the Phased Comeback, safety precautions must remain in place until there is a universal vaccine or effective treatment for the coronavirus.
- The USTA Medical Advisory Group highly recommends competitive players ease their way back into play prior to competition. Given the layoff from competing, players will be more susceptible to under-training, over-use and other injuries. The USTA strongly recommends at least three weeks of on court and off court conditioning before competition begins.
- Arrange to play only with family members or others who live in your household or with individuals who are considered to be low risk.
- Do not play if any of you:
 - ▶ Are exhibiting any symptoms of the coronavirus. According to the CDC, people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported—ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus: fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell.
 - ▶ Have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
 - ▶ Are a vulnerable individual and your state and region is in Phase One or Phase Two. A vulnerable individual is an elderly individual and/or an individual with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma and those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer and other conditions requiring such therapy. (For states and regions in Phase Three, a vulnerable individual can resume public interactions, including playing tennis, but should practice physical distancing.)



COVID-19 PLAYING TENNIS SAFELY

PLAYER TIPS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



PREPARING TO PLAY

- Protect against infections:
 - ▶ Wash your hands with a soap and water (for 20 seconds or longer), or use a hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available, before going to the court.
 - ▶ Clean and wipe down your equipment, including racquets and water bottles. Do not share racquets or any other equipment such as wristbands, grips, hats and towels.
 - ▶ Bring a full water bottle to avoid touching a tap or water fountain handle.
 - ▶ Use new balls and a new grip, if possible.
 - ▶ When not actively playing please adhere to all proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and facemask protocols.
 - ▶ If you need to sneeze or cough, do so into a tissue or upper sleeve.
 - ▶ Arrive as close as possible to when you need to be there.
 - ▶ Avoid touching court gates, fences, benches, etc. if you can.

WHEN PLAYING

- Try to stay at least six feet apart from other players. Do not make physical contact with them (such as shaking hands or a high five).
- When playing doubles, coordinate with your partner to maintain physical distancing.
- Avoid touching your face after handling a ball, racquet or other equipment. Wash your hands promptly if you have touched your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Avoid sharing food, drinks or towels.
- Use your racquet/foot to pick up balls and hit them to your opponent. Avoid using your hands to pick up the balls.
- Maintain physical distancing if changing ends of the court.
- Remain apart from other players when taking a break.
- If a ball from another court comes to you, send it back with a kick or with your racquet.

AFTER PLAYING

- Leave the court as soon as reasonably possible.
- Wash your hands thoroughly or use a hand sanitizer after coming off the court.
- Do not use the locker room or changing area. Shower at home.
- No extra-curricular or social activity should take place. No congregation after playing.
- All players should leave the facility immediately after play.

USE FOUR BALLS OR SIX BALLS

Although unlikely, it's possible that a tennis ball can transmit the COVID-19 virus, as virtually any hard surface can transmit the disease. So here is an extra precaution you can take to keep safe when playing tennis:

- Open two cans of tennis balls that do not share the same number on the ball.
- Take one set of numbered balls, and have your playing partner take a set of balls from the other can.
- Proceed with play, making sure to pick up your set of numbered balls only. Should a ball with the other number wind up on your side of the court, do not touch the ball with your hands. Use your racquet head or feet to advance the ball to the other side of the court.